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1. THERE WERE MANY DOCUMENTS IN THE FILES OF DANIEL V E R G A R A, FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR IN THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) GOVERNMENT, WHICH INDICATED THE EXISTENCE OF A PLAN (CALLED "PLAN Z" BY THE MILITARY) TO

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ELIMINATE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND MILITARY PERSONALITIES IN OPPOSITION TO THE U.P.; HOWEVER, ONLY ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS MADE REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC DATE. THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION BEGAN WITH THE HEADING "COMRADE" AND SET FORTH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN, ADVISING THAT THE BEST DATES IN SANTIAGO WOULD BE EITHER 17 OR 19 SEPTEMBER. THE DOCUMENT NOTED THAT THE BEST TIME FOR THE ATTACK SHOULD BE AFTER THE OFFICIAL PARADE ON THE 19TH, WHEN THE UNITS WOULD BE ALONE AND THE TROOPS TIRED OUT FROM MARCHING. THE DOCUMENT POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WOULD NOT BE CARRYING THE NORMAL 20 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, IN ORDER TO LIGHTEN THEIR LOAD. IT ALSO STATED THAT THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BETWEEN THE TANKS IS IN BAD CONDITION AND THAT THE TANKS CANNOT COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER; THAT THE ARTILLERY CANNONS ARE OUT OF RECOILING LIQUID; AND THAT IN ORDER TO LAUNCH THEIR ROCKETS, THE PLANES NEED SPRINGS OR OTHER IMPLEMENTS WHICH AT PRESENT THEY DO NOT HAVE. [REDACTED] THAT THE FOREGOING ASSESSMENT WAS ACCURATE, BUT THAT WHEN THE ARMED FORCES DECIDED TO INITIATE THE COUP ON 11 SEPTEMBER, THEY OVERCAME THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM BY USING ANOTHER RADIO FREQUENCY AND RIGGED

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UP HOME-MADE DEVICES TO OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF LIQUID FOR THE CANNONS AND SPRINGS FOR THE ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

2. [REDACTED] THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE DOCUMENT WARNED THAT THE ELIMINATION OF OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES SHOULD TAKE ON THE CHARACTER OF A LOCAL MATTER, AND NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE PURPOSE OF THIS INSTRUCTION WAS TO KEEP THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAN FROM REALIZING THAT THEY WERE PARTAKING IN AN OPERATION WHICH WAS BEING CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SEVERAL AREAS, WHICH IN EFFECT GAVE THE CAMPAIGN A NATIONAL CHARACTER.

3. THE DOCUMENT RECOMMENDED THAT THE OPERATION TAKE NO LONGER THAN FIVE MINUTES AND THAT MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY BE USED TO SAVE TIME. IT WARNED THAT THE OPERATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH THE PRECISION OF A PERSON TAKING APART THE WATCHES IN A JEWELRY SHOP, THAT IS THE OPERATION SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH RESOLUTION, HAVING STUDIED THE SCENE CAREFULLY IN ADVANCE.

4. THE DOCUMENT POINTED OUT THAT IF ANY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION WERE SURPRISED AND CAUGHT, THEY SHOULD AT ALL

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5. THE DOCUMENT FURTHER STATED THAT THE GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD HAVE THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THEIR TARGETS, BASED ON THOROUGH STUDY OF THE TARGETS' DAILY HABITS. THE FIRST SUGGESTED LOCATION FOR ASSASSINATION WOULD BE WHEN THE TARGET GETS INTO HIS CAR TO LEAVE FOR WORK. THE SECOND WOULD BE WHEN HE GETS OUT OF HIS CAR AT WORK, AND THIRD WOULD BE NEAR THE ELEVATOR OR THE OFFICE ITSELF. THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS ARE PROVIDED IN CASE, FOR ANY REASON, THE TARGET CHANGES HIS NORMAL PATTERN. THE DOCUMENT SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO ONE EXCEPTION TO THESE RULES, THAT IS WITH REGARD TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT IN SANTIAGO. IN THIS CASE, THE DOCUMENT POINTS OUT THAT SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS LIVE IN THE SAME BUILDING ON LYON STREET NEAR PROVIDENCIA AVENUE, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ELIMINATE THEM ALL IN THEIR HOMES.

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE EXISTENCE OF "PLAN Z", THE REPORT OFFERS THE FIRST INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE CONTENT OF THE MUCH-TALKED-ABOUT PLAN WHICH LED THE MILITARY TO OVERTHROW

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